Dan Brand and Tipi

MAN AND ANIMAL LIVED THE LAW OF THE WILD ALONG THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL... IT WAS "KILL OR BE KILLED" IN THE FOREST PRIMEVAL! BUT ***DAN BRAND*** AND ***TIPI*** CHANGED SOME OF THAT WHEN THEY CROSSED THE TRAIL OF

"THE WHITE WOLF"

...A LONE WHITE WOLF BATTLING A HOSTILE WORLD...

UNTIL THE DAY HE SNIFFED AT SOME MEAT BAIT...

... AND GOT CAUGHT!

THEN!
DAN—LOOK! IN THAT BEAR TRAP! A WHITE WOLF! MA-PA, WHAT A BEAUTY HE IS!
WHAT A PITY HE'S CAUGHT! LET'S TRY TO UNSPRING HIM!

GOT HIM! GO AHEAD, TIPI!
GOT IT! EASY THERE, BOY— IT WASN'T US WHO DID THIS TO YOU...

LOOK! HE'S STOPPED STRUGGLING —AND HE'S NOT RUNNING AWAY! HE UNDERSTANDS THAT WE HELPED HIM!
I GUESS THIS IS THE FIRST TIME IN HIS LIFE ANYBODY TREATED HIM KINDLY— LET'S DRESS HIS LEG...

I'D GUESS THIS ONE IS AN OUTCAST, PROBABLY.
HE'S LICKING MY HAND! LET'S CALL HIM BA-LU—THAT'S INDIAN FOR "THE LONE ONE." LET'S KEEP HIM FOR A PET...!

NO TIME FOR THAT, TIPI. WE'RE LATE ALREADY. WE'RE CARRYING SECRET PLANS FROM GENERAL WASHINGTON TO GREENE...
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...AND THESE PLANS *MUST* GET THROUGH. WE'LL STICK CLOSE TO THE TRAIL AND SAVE TIME...

A FEW MILES DOWN THE TRAIL...
ALL RIGHT, MEN-- INTO THEM TREES. WE'LL SOON BE SEEIN' WHO'S THE BETTER SCOUT, DAN BRAND OR ME-- SI BANNIS.
AIN'T NOBODY KIN BEAT *YOU*, SI BANNIS!

SURPRISE!

SI BANNIS! YOU RENEGADE AND TRAITOR! YOU'RE BEING PAID BY THE BRITISH FOR THIS, I'LL BET!
YE'RE GUESSIN' RIGHT, BRAND! AN' THEY'RE PAYIN' ME *PLENTY!*

WE GOT SPIES IN YER CAMP, BRAND-- AN' WE KNOW ABOUT YER MISSION AN' THESE HERE BATTLE PLANS. WOTTA CATCH!

I GOT A SPECIAL KIND O' DEATH FIGGERED OUT FER TWO GREAT INDIAN SCOUTS LIKE YOU!... STRING 'EM UP, MEN! BOWZER, GO CATCH US A YOUNG DEER...

A YOUNG ROE IS CAUGHT AND STAKED NEARBY...
THET ROE'S YOWLIN' WILL ATTRACT THE BEARS, BRAND—AN' YOU'LL MAKE MIGHTY FINE BEAR FOOD! SO LONG!

IF ONLY I COULD GET MY FOOT ON SOMETHING, FOR LEVERAGE—I'D BE ABLE TO SWING UP ON THIS BRANCH AND...
THAT'S WHAT I'M TRYING TO DO TOO, DAN, BUT...

...TOO LATE! A SILVERTIP—A KILLER!

BUT SUDDENLY, OUT OF THE BUSHES FLASHES A WHITE STREAK!
DAN! LOOK!
IT'S BA-LU!

A SLEDGEHAMMER BLOW FROM THE BEAR'S PAW SENDS BA-LU FLYING...
RRROWRR!
YI-YI-YI!

BUT THE VALIANT WOLF COMES BACK FOR MORE—A BIT SMARTER NOW...!

THE BATTLE-WISE WOLF SLASHES THROUGH FOR A FIRM GRIP ON THE BEAR'S THROAT!
HOLD ON, BA-LU! HOLD ON, BOY!

HE DID IT! AND THE BEAR FELL RIGHT UNDER ME! NOW THAT I CAN GET MY FEET ON SOMETHING SOLID TO JUMP ON—I MAY BE ABLE TO HOIST MYSELF UP ON THIS BRANCH...
BRAVE WOLF!

ALLEY OOP!

TOUGH CHEWING, TIPI—BUT I'LL HAVE YOU DOWN, TOO, IN JUST A MINUTE! AND WE'LL FREE THAT YOUNG ROE, TOO...

NOW TO GET AFTER BANNIS! BUT HOW? HE'S TOO GOOD A WOODSMAN TO LEAVE A TRAIL THAT EVEN WE COULD FOLLOW!
HERE'S A TORN PIECE OF SHIRT I RIPPED OFF... MAYBE BA-LU CAN HELP US ON THIS...!

SNIFF-SNIFF!
THAT'S RIGHT, BA-LU—SMELL IT! BAD MAN! BAD MAN! GO GET HIM! GO GET HIM, BA-LU!

HE UNDERSTANDS! LET'S GO, TIPI!... GOOD BOY, BA-LU!
I AM THINKING THAT BANNIS WILL BE VERY SURPRISED!

WHUT THU—!?!
YOUR TURN TO BE SURPRISED, BANNIS!

GUNNNNG!
THIS IS GOING TO BE EASY—AND PLEASANT!
RRRRR!

AND A SHORT TIME LATER...
SO WE'LL JUST LEAVE THEM HERE IN THIS CAVE AND PICK THEM UP ON OUR WAY BACK. WE'RE LATE AND HAVE TO TRAVEL LIGHT.
ARE THE BATTLE PLANS ALL SAFE?

SAFE AS SHOOTING. LET'S GO!
RIGHT WITH YOU, DAN— AND SO IS BA-LU!

BA-LU!...TIPI, I DON'T THINK IT'S RIGHT TO TAKE BA-LU INTO CIVILIZATION AND THE WORLD OF MEN. HE BELONGS HERE, IN THE FOREST — FREE AND MAGNIFICENT!
YOU'RE RIGHT, DAN...THE FOREST IS OUR HOME, TOO—AND SOME DAY WHEN THE WARS ARE OVER, PERHAPS WE'LL MEET BA-LU AGAIN!

STAY HERE, BA-LU! STAY HERE! YOU CAN'T GO WITH US!
THAT'S RIGHT, BRAVE WOLF— STAY HERE! GOODBYE, BA-LU!

RROWRR-OOOOOOO
GOODBYE, BA-LU— GOOD BYE.....